GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a National Commission for physically handicapped persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) No,Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 provides framework for ensuring opportunities for persons with disabilities and their full participation in the nation building . It provides for comprehensive rehabilitation, including education, employment, vocational training, reservation, manpower development, creation of barrier free environment and other developmental activities for persons with disabilities. For upholding the rights and safeguarding the interest of persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities a National Trust has been established. The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation promotes economic rehabilitation by extending loan for pursuing education and for self-employment to persons with disabilities. National Institutes, Composite Rehabilitation Centres, Regional Rehabilitation Centres and District Centres have beenestablished for providing manpower development and rehabilitation services at various levels. The offices of the Chief Commissioner for Disabilities at the Central Government level and Commissioner for Disabilities at State levels have been set up to safeguard the rights of persons with disabilities and also provide for grievance redressal mechanism. In the light of above, there is no need to constitute a National Commission for persons with disabilities.